

PROCLAMATION **DRINKING WATER WEEK** MAY 1-7, 2005

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota recognize that their health, comfort and standards of living depend on an ample supply of safe, high-quality drinking water; and

WHEREAS, water greatly influences our everyday lives through its uses in public health, economic development, power production, agriculture, recreation, and business and industries; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated men and women have made significant contributions in developing, operating and maintaining our public water systems; and

WHEREAS, what we do today to protect our drinking water will affect the prosperity and well-being of future generations; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize this precious resource and to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, to become involved in local water issues and to plan for its efficient use; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2005, **DRINKING WATER WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State